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AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

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SUBJECT: NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE VISIT TO JORDAN

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1. EMBASSY BELIEVES THE NAME "PALESTINIAN SUBGROUP" (REFTEL) GIVEN TO NWC STUDENTS VISITING JORDAN AND ISRAEL COULD BE MISINTERPRETED BY GOJ IN VIEW OF DELEGATE NATURE OF PALESTINIAN QUESTION. USE OF THIS DESIGNATION HERE COULD BE EMBARRASING IN OUR RELATIONS WITH JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT WHICH MIGHT ATTRIBUTE POLICY SIGNIFICANCE TO USG CHOOSING "PALESTINIAN" DESIGNATION. WE PRESUME THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT MIGHT HAVE SIMILAR RESERVATIONS ALTHOUGH WE DEFER TO EMBASSY TEL AVIV FOR JUDGEMENT IN THAT REGARD.

2. WE WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT NWC AT A MINIMUM NOT REFER TO PALESTINIAN SUB GROUP DESIGNATION DURING THEIR VISIT TO JORDAN OR IN ANY CONTACTS WITH JORDANIANS. IF AT ALL POSSIBLE WE WOULD SUGGEST CHANGING NAME OF THE SUBGROUP TO "MIDEAST PEACE NEGOTIATIONS SUBGROUP" OR ANOTHER NEUTRAL SUCH APPELLATION.

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